

Application No.: 10/697,095
Examiner: Jacob K. Ackun
Art Unit: 3723

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge that claims 1-14 are allowed.

Claims 16, 19 and 20 were identified as reciting allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to include the limitations from which they depend.

Claims 15 and 19, which were rejected in the outstanding office action, are presently amended to recite allowable subject matter.

Specifically, claim 15 incorporates the subject matter of claim 16, and claim 19 is rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of claim 15. Claim 16 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

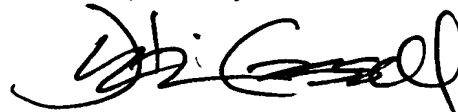
As a result of amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 5 and 17-20 be allowed, and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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